

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Disaster
5 Assistance for Student Veterans Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CONTINUE TO PAY**
3 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE OR SUBSISTENCE**
4 **ALLOWANCES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS WHEN**
5 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE TEMPO-**
6 **RARILY CLOSED.**

7 Section 3680(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
8 is amended—

9 (1) in the matter before subparagraph (A), by
10 striking the em dash and inserting “during the fol-
11 lowing periods.”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (A) by striking “during periods” and in-
14 serting “Periods”; and

15 (B) by striking “not exceed 4 weeks; or”
16 and inserting “only continue until the date that
17 is eight weeks after the date of the temporary
18 closure.”; and

19 (3) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (A) by striking “solely” and inserting
21 “Solely”; and

22 (B) by striking “during periods” and in-
23 serting “periods”.